



# Year 1 Advent 2 Newsletter

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful half term break; I cannot wait to get started with all our learning this half term. We have got lots of exciting things planned! 😊

## English

Last term in English we focused on some traditional tales such as the three little pigs and goldilocks. During these units of work, we focused on character descriptions, speech, re-telling the stories, instruction writing, BEWARE/WANTED posters and more. We finished the term on the book 'everywhere bear' where we started to write some independent sentences and had a go at using emotive language.

This term, we will be moving on to the book 'The Teddy Robber' by Ian Beck to begin with. We will be writing more character descriptions, using past tense verbs, creating a 'LOST' poster, writing more speech, re-telling, and innovating the story as well as writing a letter. Close to Christmas, we will do some Christmas themed writing activities.

## Maths

During the last half term we focused on sorting objects, part-whole models, our numbers to 10, addition, subtraction and number bonds.

This half term we will be focusing on:

- embedding fluent in 5s
- some more addition and subtraction within 10.
- 2D and 3D shapes.
- Numbers within 20.



## R.E.

In Advent 2 we will be starting our topic of Promise and Prophecy. Our big question is 'How does the Christmas story teach us about God's love?'. Within this unit we will look at why the bible stories are important, the significance of Mary, the origins of the 'Hail Mary' prayer and the story of the birth of Jesus.

## Topic

*This half term our focus will be on Geography. Our big question is: Where do I live?*

We will be focusing on how Hadfield is a village and where Hadfield is. Human and physical features we would find around Hadfield and lots of map work.

We will also be looking at instruction writing including how to get around the school and how to get from your house to school.

## Science

Throughout Advent 1 we focused on seasons. During Advent 2 we are going to focus materials which will include the following learning questions:

LQ1: Where do different materials come from?

LQ2: What can materials be used for?

LQ3: Which materials are strong, and which are rigid?

LQ4: Which materials are soft and bendy?

LQ5: Is Mr Silly using the right material?

LQ6: Can you stretch a bubble?



## Guided reading

Last half term we read *Lost and Found* and began *The Life of a Plastic Bottle*. We implemented our Guided reading structure that we use across the whole school using the DERIC format. Deric stands for: Decode, Explain, Retrieve, Interpret, Choice. We also looked at some alternative texts such as poetry and fact sheets. We will continue to follow this structure this term and carry on with our book 'The Life of Plastic Bottle', also looking at an alternative text once weekly.



## How can you help?

*Each week your child will have two books; a phonics book and a reading book. The bench marked reading books will be changed frequently. The phonics book will change weekly.*

On a Friday you will receive homework, this will be English, maths and spellings on a weekly basis. The homework is to be done for the following Friday. The spellings are going to be tested in school now on a Friday.

*If you have any questions regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

*Thank you for your continued support and remember that Miss Macklin, Miss Walker or Mrs Bray will always be available before or after school if you need to speak to us.*

*Miss Macklin, Mrs Bray and Miss Walker.*